

# Hope's Newsletter

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## A Message From Pastor

**Affirmation of Baptism** to strive for justice and peace in all the world.

This year, three Hope young people will affirm their baptism on May 23, Pentecost Sunday: Marissa Penn, Tanner Serrano, and Thomas Vilardi. They have studied the Small Catechism and learned what the basics of our faith mean in their lives. They have read and pondered the key stories of Scripture.

We will spend some time in May discussing what it means to be a confirmed Lutheran Christian, and these young people will be encouraged to be actively involved in the ministries of the congregation.

The youth will affirm their baptismal promises, to live among God's faithful people; to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and

As adult members of the congregation, we also make promises to support and pray for these young people. It has been our privilege to watch them grow from children into youth. But their growing is not finished, and we can continue to guide them along the path of faith as followers of Jesus at Hope.

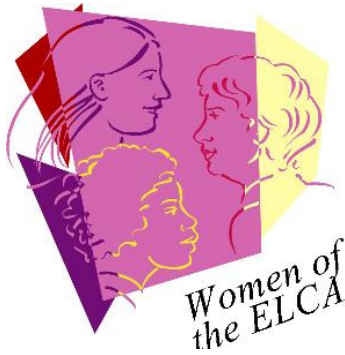
We also remember our own promises, made so long ago. Many of us remember being interrogated by councils or congregations, to make sure we had learned our stuff. Having memorized the questions and responses takes us only so far. It's what we have learned about Christian living that really counts, and that's how we can support our young people: helping them continue to grow in Christian living.

In Christ,  
Pastor Lynn

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## Hope's Women of the ELCA

Our April 14th meeting was our last business meeting for this year. We are still seeking officers for the upcoming year of 2010-2011.

Our annual luncheon will be held in Luther Hall this year. It will be held on May 12th at 11:30am. Models need to be at Luther Hall at 11:00am.

We will have a "Fashion Show" and our

### Christians aren't perfect! Who knew?

It happens sometimes that leaders and others make mistakes. Sometimes they go unnoticed; sometimes they are glaringly evident; sometimes the person making the mistake doesn't even realize a mistake has been made. Frequently, the person making the mistake is filled with fear of repeating the mistake, embarrassment, guilt, or even shame.

Those observing the mistake can respond in many ways. We can be critical; we can ignore what happened; we can laugh, giving thanks that we didn't make that mistake, but easily could have; we can take into consideration who the person is and why

models will be: Mary Peterson, Connie De Turek, Yvonne Popke, Cherie Earl, Sandi Knipe, Marcia Meier and Pastor Lynn.

We are looking forward to a great get together. Our models will be showing garments of their own choice.

Rachel's Days will be observed on May 9th instead of the 2nd. Donations will be accepted on this day. The donations will go to our own local Covenant Children's Home.

that particular mistake happened; we can be grace-filled and forgiving. As Hope continues to heal from the upheaval of the last year or so, it is important to remember we are all human, we are all Christians, we all make mistakes, and we all need forgiveness. We all need some of that grace we all count on, from God, and from each other.

Let's be a congregation that is known in the community for our ability to forgive each other, to laugh with each other, to be grace-filled with each other, loving one another as Jesus first loves and forgives us.

### Dollars and Sense from the Treasure's Desk

The full financial statement from March is on the bulletin board in Luther Hall.

## Finding Hope

### *Grief Support Group*



Finding Hope grief group helps people become reconciled to the loss of loved ones and discover new potential for yourself. Pastor Lynn will facilitate the group. We will meet for ten Mondays at 2pm, beginning April 26.

A book and an accompanying journal

Understanding Your Grief by Alan D Wolfeldt, PhD,. are the resources for the program, and cost \$30. There is no cost for the program.

If you are interested in joining the group, or know of someone who would benefit, please contact Pastor Lynn for more information.

## Social Committee

The Social Committee is planning two special celebrations.

The first is a Mother's Day celebration on May 9 during coffee hour. We're asking families to drop off photos of mom and their family, dad can be included, in the box in Luther Hall. We're displaying those photos during the celebration. Photos may be also be submitted as a memorial to mom.

Photos can also be emailed to northsea@usa.net if a digital photo is available.

Special, but light, refreshments will be served in honor of Mothers. The quick celebration will still allow time to take mom out for lunch or dinner.

On June 21 we will celebrate Father's in a similar fashion. Since dad is our "hero" so many times we will serve hero style sandwiches during coffee hour. As we get closer to the date, sign-up sheets for donations of meat and bread will be put up in Luther Hall.

See Michel, Carole, Sue, Janet or Vivian for more details.



## Esther Circle Bible Study

As our study of Romans concludes this month, we see real people moving around the Mediterranean shores sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus' death and resurrection. It is shared with Jews and Gentiles alike, and we see how important it is that they understood themselves as part of God's great mission. We can picture ourselves as part of this great body up to this day and into the future.

The title of this session is "Wise in What is God". Our study group will meet on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. in the church parlor. Copies of the lesson are available in the church office on Sundays or during office hours ( Monday - Friday between 9:00 A.M. to 2: 00 P.M. ) PLEASE join us for this study.

## Jacobs's Journey

The last class for Jacob's Journey will be May 10th. We are up to the book of Deuteronomy and when the class resumes next fall, we will begin with the exciting book of Joshua and the taking of the Promised Land by the young nation of Israel.

adventure which follows the sons of Jacob as their lives are recorded for us in the adventures of all the Old Testament books leading up to the New Testament and beyond. If this sounds like a Bible Study you would enjoy, consider joining our class in the fall. We meet on Monday's from 1 to 3pm in Luther Hall.

Jacob's Journey through the Bible is an exciting

## Thanks to:

The Altar Guild for all their dedicated service during Lent and Holy Week

The Property Committee for the constant maintenance, upgrades, and repairs to our buildings and grounds

The Property Committee for the new sign with movable letters

The Personnel Committee and Council for hard, quick work of finding a new secretary  
Volunteer lay readers and assisting ministers who serve each week as worship leaders

The Education Committee for taking such good care that our children and adults have

interesting opportunities to learn about the love of Jesus

Terry Lucente, who has served faithfully and ably as Sunday School Superintendent for many years and has now chosen to resign

Tom Knipe for taping the service each week, and to Sue Hovis and Helen Van Horn who deliver the tapes to our homebound members

... From Pr Lynn

## Congratulations to the Graduate

Anthony Shutt graduates from Lecanto High School on May 27, 2010. Anthony has spent four years with JROTC and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was in charge of discipline at the recent Open House for freshmen at the high school. Anthony will enlist in the Army after graduation. His grandfather, Carl Liddy, spent 28 years in the military.

Anthony was baptized at Hope in the Memorial Garden with Holy Water from the Jordan River. His parents were

married at Hope in 1990. Anthony was his Uncle Dan's right arm (and legs) for most of his time in Sunday school and for many, many Vacation Bible Schools over the years. Anthony was a puppeteer and backstage helper like his mother was during the Caraway Street era.

Anthony is the son of Julie Shutt, nephew of Danny and Willis Liddy, and grandson of Emmie and the late Carl Liddy. We wish him all the best for his future. Godspeed.

## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Educational Event

ALL are welcome to attend the Caregiver Support Series meetings at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Crystal River on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1 p.m. This month the event is sponsored by the Citrus County Chapter of Thrivent Financial.

Learn about Elder Law Issues such as health care advance directives, power of attorney, "do not resuscitate" orders, health care surrogates, wills, living wills, and common pitfalls to avoid. The speaker is George M. Germann, Esq., an attorney from Spring Hill who specializes in elder law.

The program is free, open to all in the community, informal, and interactive. Refreshments will be served. Questions or to reserve your place, please call Charlotte Downing at 352.382.5659.

### **Ballgame in Tampa – August 14**

The Citrus County Chapter plans to rent a bus and more information will be provided in June. The date and time are set for Saturday, August 14 at 4:10 p.m. between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Baltimore Orioles.

It is a fundraiser for LLMI (Lutheridge and Lutherock Ministries). Thrivent Financial for Lutherans reserved 1200 tickets since they sold out last year. Members of Thrivent Financial will get a discounted price, but may invite a guest at a slightly higher price. Watch for details in the weekly bulletin and next month's newsletter.

## The Piecemakers Spin-Off a New Circle

There are enough mission projects for everyone to be involved in at Hope. Many of the members who quilt with the Piecemakers also assist with the assembly of kits for Lutheran World Relief and shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. It has become necessary to have an additional meeting time to complete these projects sooner and on a more consistent basis for those in need. This is a GOOD thing to have a lot to do!

The Piecemakers meet this month on Wednesdays, May 19 and 26 at 9:30 a.m. The new batting has arrived and it's one of the fluffiest rolls yet! Bring your needle and scissors to tie more quilts. Over 20 quilts and 17 health kits were mailed last month.

Martha's Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. in the double classrooms (# 4 & 6) in the Sunday School wing. This will conserve A/C and utilize the rooms we have, which will not be used this summer, since Scouts and Sunday school will not be meeting. We will meet on the first

Wednesday of each month year-round and more frequently when facing a deadline for shipping. Martha's Circle welcomes people of all ages who wish to fulfill the ELCA's mission statement, "God's Work, Our Hands". We are called to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus. With our busy hands, we can knit/crochet prayer shawls, collect items for food pantries, shelters, and Christmas shoe boxes, tie fleece blankets for the homebound and those in care centers, create holiday remembrances for nursing homes, and whatever will bring a smile to someone's face in the Name of Jesus.

As always, there are ways you can work at home with the Piecemakers by sewing tops, cutting fabric, and/or finishing the edges of a quilt. Donations of colored, clean flat sheets are always welcome. In time, assignments for Martha's Circle will become evident as the projects get underway. Come join us!



## Invitation



### Troop 462 Eagle Scout Court of Honor

You and your family are cordially invited to attend the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony for:

**David Michael Bruty Jr.**

**Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church  
9425 North Citrus Springs Blvd, Citrus Springs, Florida  
Reception and Dinner to following

RSVP by 30 April 2010. Please contact David and Lovette Bruty, 352-726-7567 if you have any questions.

# Thank You to Hope's Young Adult Ministry

**FARMWORKERS SELF-HELP, INC.**  
*Campeños de Ayuda Voluntaria, Inc.*  
 37240 Calle de Milagros • Dade City, Florida 33523  
 352-567-1432



March 22, 2010

Hope Lutheran Church  
 Young Adult Ministry  
 P.O. Box 2070  
 Dunnellon, FL 34430-2070



Contribution: \$400.00 Check #: 0469

Dear Friends:



Please forgive the delay in thanking you for your contributions.

It is sad that we continue to have an over abundance of work, but less money to meet the needs of that work.

For the first time in many years we are truly struggling with seeking enough food to feed the farmworker families that come daily looking for assistance, and how sad it is for us to have to say there is no food.

TEEN DREAM TEAM



The freeze damaged our crops and there is not enough work to keep everyone going, so please know that we appreciate all your support, and we are trying to catch up.

We are on our way to Washington we were supplied with 2 buses with passenger capacity of 55, most folks have no work or food, so we may as well invite them to march and we will have lots of peanut butter and jelly to eat on the way there and back.



I pray that we as Americans never lose our compassion; we have come a long way since the Mayflower, and the displacing of the Indians who were here so now its time to pass on some of the blessings we have enjoyed for so long. I ask that you pray we can have a peaceful march and that a good immigration reform bill will come forth!

God bless you in all that you continue to do for those the least of our people.

In Jesus,

  
 Margarita Romo  
 Executive Director

*"Without a vision, the people perish....." Proverbs 29:18*

## Synodical Deacons

There are many ways to serve in a congregation as lay people: assist in worship, teach, make quilts, fill show boxes, lead and serve on committees, and so much more. Some people feel called to learn more about the faith and service to God through specialized roles for lay people. One such role is called the Diakonia.

Synodical Deacons study for two years to obtain thorough grounding in scripture, theology, ministry skills, and an opportunity to discern which skills they are called by God to use in a parish setting. Synodical Deacons serve in close connection with the called pastor of a

congregation and assist the pastor in ministering to and with that congregation.

I invite you to support two of Hope's members as they begin to study for the Diaconate. Diane Kahler and Ted Polack have been approved by Pastor Lynn and the Congregational Council to participate in this program. You will observe them learning to serve in many ways, as they grow in knowledge and practice new ministry skills at Hope.

In ministry together with Christ,  
Pastor Lynn

## Praises and Pinches\*



Learning good communication skills is essential to any family, group, or congregation. Directly communicating with one another

regarding our praises and our pinches\* is part of healthy communication patterns.

When someone pleases us, it's best to speak first and honestly with the person who pleases us. When someone hurts our feelings, it's best to speak first and honestly with the person who hurt us.

If someone prefers to communicate a praise or a pinch indirectly – through another

person, there is a form outside Pastor Lynn's office. These forms may be turned in to the chairperson of the Personnel Committee, Janet Esworthy, for proper handling. In some cases, the person expressing a pinch or praise may be contacted for further information. After the praises or pinches are addressed, an appropriate response may appear in the newsletter – especially for praises!

\* Praises: those things, words, and actions that brightened our day, even just a little;  
Pinches: those things, words, and actions that hurt us, even just a little.

The following is located at: <http://www.buildingchurchleaders.com/articles/2010/tenideaseverydayoutreach.html>

## Ten Ideas for Everyday Outreach

No Elaborate Planning Necessary

Dana Wilkerson: Posted 3/16/10



1. Pay attention to the people around you in your neighborhood or at work. Send up an arrow prayer as you walk by them.
2. Be mindful of those who serve you—bank tellers, grocery store clerks, fast food workers. Look them in the eye and tell them you appreciate their service.
3. Leave a note of encouragement on a coworker's desk or on the windshield of their car.
4. When you walk past a piece of trash on the ground, pick it up and throw it in a garbage can.
5. When someone says they're having a bad day, stop and ask if you can pray for them right there.
6. At the drive-thru, pay for the meal of the person behind you.
7. Stop and talk with a homeless person. Find out their story.
8. Before leaving a restaurant, jot a thank you note to your server and leave it on the table or call the manager over and explain how much you enjoyed the service.
9. Go out of your way to be friendly to a prickly person.
10. When you're talking with someone, give them the gift of your full attention.

# Affirmation of Baptism

The following candidates for Confirmation on Pentecost, May 23, 2010 are:

## *Marissa Penn*

Daughter of Michael and Beth Penn  
Sister of Jacob, Steven, and Tyler Penn

## *Tanner Serrano*

Son of Kim Serrano  
Brother of Francesca and Joey Serrano

## *Thomas Vilardi*

Son of Frank, Jr and Sheri Vilardi  
Brother of Peyton Vilardi

## Known Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

### Birthdays

- 2 Sonny Finck
- 8 Sebastian D'Auria  
Evelyn Krokker
- 10 Stan Miller  
Hazel Rienstra
- 11 Aida Diaz  
Dawn Rodgers
- 12 Marlene Collins  
Lydia Taylor
- 17 Charlie Meier
- 21 Amanda Myers
- 24 Alyssa Myers
- 29 Lillian Taylor



### Anniversaries

- 2 David & Alice Doyle (57)  
Harold & Kay Schaller (13)
- 7 Ted & Lynn Polack (17)
- 8 Jim & Sue Hovis (45)
- 10 Carl & Jayne Carlberg (63)
- 11 Fred & Monika Seeger (42)
- 23 Brian & Dee Forsyth (23)  
Andy & Jenny Hooper (17)
- 30 Frank & Sheri Vilardi (18)

## Those Who Will Assist in Worship for May

### ***Communion Assistants and Acolytes***

2 -Thomas Vilardi/Peyton Vilardi  
9 -Jackie Dean/Dee Forsyth  
16 -Casey Gaylardo/Mary Peterson  
23 -Lynn Polack/James Hovis  
30 -Brenna Towne/Anthony Diaz

### ***Assisting Ministers***

Diane Kahler  
Steve Northsea  
Ted Polack  
Ryan Towne  
Renate Wilms-Rovin

### ***Altar Guild***

Sandi Knipe  
Yvonne Popke

### ***Guest Greeter***

Sue Hovis

### ***Greeters***

Janet Esworthy & Howard Walsh

### ***Nursery***

2 - Janice Pitre  
9 - Judy Thomason  
16 -Sue Hovis  
23 -Dawn Rodgers  
30 -Ruth Moheit

### ***Ushers for the Month***

Sandi Knipe  
Lynn Polack

### ***Lay Readers***

2 - Jackie Dean  
9 - Doris Boeson  
16 -Helen Van Horn  
23 -Janet Esworthy  
30 -Thomas Vilardi



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